

church; seven males and three females, and twenty-six in the Berlin charge since April 1. In the evening we held a communion which was the first ever held in the house. It was a very solemn and impressive service. The church is greatly strengthened spiritually and numerically and the prospects are good for a large membership here in the near future as this is a promising field. May the Lord bless his church everywhere.

M. C. MEYERS.

Notes From Zed H. Copp

Much of the last month was spent in revival work at Miamisburg. The meeting closed without any additions. The Word could there do no mighty work because of their unbelief. The congregation itself is divided into Philadelphians and Laodiceans, but there is an open door set before them and no man can shut it. The gospel seed there sown in tears and weakness will bring forth its fruit in its season. Our home was with Brother and Sister Githens who showed us every kindness. May their type increase. Others who showed us no little kindness were brothers Dave Early, Al Early and Wm. Beachler. May others emulate their example.

The Dayton work is progressing quite satisfactorily. The Aid Society intends doing substantial work along financial lines in connection with the K. C. of C. E. Every prospect pleases in this work and only prayer, man and money are needed to stay right here with it.

The Bear Creek revival begins Sunday night, 6th. We hope and shall work for mighty results. Whoever reads this is requested to pray for the success of this meeting. The Aid Society of this congregation is equal to any emergency and can always be depended upon to acquit themselves with honor. Their dinner at Brother Coler's sale was a success in every respect.

Some time ago, brothers David Lowman and wife, Wilbur Copp and wife, and sister Catharine Holman, all of West Alexandria, came to see us and brought such a load of good things as one seldom sees. It was a surprise indeed.

A letter from sister Lizzie H. Fryman, Goshen, Ind., informs us that she has sent a package of missionary clothes. God bless you, sister Lizzie. "I was naked, and ye clothed me."

ZED H. COPP.

Communion Notices

The Bethel congregation, Adams Co., Ind., will hold communion services on Saturday evening, Nov. 19th. A cordial invitation is given to all of like faith to come.

L. W. DITCH, Pastor.

The Ashland City Brethren church will hold communion services on Sunday evening, November 20th, 1898. The preparatory services will be held in the morning at 11 o'clock. The evening services will begin promptly at 6. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

J. ALLEN MILLER.

From Oakville, Ind.

The wise man wrote, "there is a time for every purpose under heaven." Just now is a time for rejoicing with the pastor of the Oakville church. The cause of our joy is twofold. First, because of the spiritual life made manifest by the church. Second, because the needs of the pastor have been so kindly remembered. The latter is only an evidence of the former. While with Paul we try to be content in whatsoever state we are, whether lack or full. Still it is a pleasure to have our temporal wants supplied, but far greater is the joy in knowing that they are supplied as the fruits of Christian love in the hearts of the people. The Oakville brethren have in many ways shown their loving spirit during our work among them, having presented Mrs. Ditch with a beautiful quilt and a liberal collection to aid in a case of sickness at home while I was holding a series of meetings for them. These were all but gentle showers. The flood came on the 26th. It came by rail, by carriages and by buggies. It came in sacks, in baskets, in buckets, in packs large and small. It came with the clatter and scuffle of hurried feet. We opened the door to see—well there was no use to contend against the storm. We left the door ajar and they, the brethren, sisters and friends from Oakville, filled all the house. They came to surprise their pastor and his wife, and they did. But they were kind to us if they were rude in the beginning. After preparing many comforts for the physical man they invited the preacher and his family to dine with them. Just fifty besides the writer's family ate at that table. After several hours pleasantly spent in social intercourse they returned home leaving their pastor with cellar, pantry and cupboard well supplied for many days to come, besides a dress each for the pastor's wife and two daughters, all for which wife and I return our grateful thanks, praying the Lord to bless the donors and all others who lacked opportunity.

The second chapter in this history was enacted Saturday evening, Oct. 29th. This was the occasion of our communion service. Fully three-fourths of the membership were

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present. The prevalence of diphtheria in the community kept a large number of the other fourth away else it would have been as near a full attendance of members as could be had. They, the absent ones, were willing and that made all contented. The meeting from beginning to finish was a spiritual feast. The best of order prevailed among those in attendance as spectators. May the Lord bless them for so doing. A number of brethren and sisters from Eaton were present. We hope they enjoyed the meeting as much as their presence was enjoyed by the congregation. It is a hopeful sign to see our congregations attend each other's communion service. It is needful to strengthen the band of union among us. May the Lord bless the Brethren churches and pastors everywhere.

L. W. DITCH.

Cowan, Ind.

Milledgeville, Ill.

For some time it has been patent to those who are interested in the mission work of the Brethren church, that if we are to succeed in a measure commensurate with our hopes, some of us must cut loose from the good and comfortable positions that we have held in our more prosperous churches, and relying on the help of God, and the devotions of our brethren and sisters, take hold of the mission work in earnest. It means sacrifice, but that is the foundation Jesus laid down on which the church must be built. And from the Apostles' days to this, every church has been built on the sacrifice of some life that "counted itself not dear," that the kingdom of God might prevail among men. Suffering and sacrifice is the seed Jesus sowed in the earth, from which to produce a people fit for the kingdom of God, and if we are faithful we are still sowing and cultivating that seed, awaiting the time when "He shall see the travail of his soul, and be satisfied." Isaiah 53.

We have been prevailed upon for some time by our brethren to take this step. But the natural reluctance with which we viewed the call and the earnest effort to understand what it meant in the way of sacrifice, made